

REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has added new Claims 23-31 into prosecution.

New independent Claim 23 is an apparatus claim directed to a decorative candle display comprising a container which defines an open top and includes a quantity of candle wax material disposed therein. As further recited in Claim 23, at least one gelatinous structure is partially embedded within the candle wax material so as to be observable via the open top of the container. New Claim 24 is dependent upon Claim 23 and describes the gelatinous structure as defining at least one exposed edge which is rounded.

New independent Claim 25 is a method claim directed to a method of manufacturing a decorative candle display. In Claim 25, the method is described as comprising the initial step of pouring a quantity of a candle wax material into a container defining an open top. Such step is followed by the step of partially embedding at least one gelatinous structure into the candle wax material such that the gelatinous structure is observable via the open top of the container. New Claims 26-31 are dependent upon Claim 25, with such claims being directed to an additional heat application step used to round the exposed edge of the gelatinous structure and impart a sheen thereto.

Applicant respectfully submits that the antecedent basis in the specification of U.S. Patent No. 6,171,102 for the various limitations recited in new Claims 23-31 is as follows:

Column 1, lines 56-57;

Column 2, lines 10-16, 45-47, 54-59, and 66-67; and

Column 3, lines 1-12.

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